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SECURITY COUNCIL
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List of candidates nominated by national groups

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By a communication dated 12 February 1996, addressed on behalf of the Secretary-General to States parties to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, attention was drawn to the fact that the terms of office of the following five members of the International Court of Justice will expire on 5 February 1997.

Mr. Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria)
Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel (United States of America)
Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana)
Mr. Vladlen S. Vereshchetin (Russian Federation)
Mr. Luigi Ferrari Bravo (Italy)

2. In conformity with Articles 4 and 13 of the Statute of the Court, the General Assembly and the Security Council, during the fifty-first session of the General Assembly, will elect five judges for a period of nine years, beginning on 6 February 1997. In accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 5 of the Statute of the Court, national groups were thus invited to undertake the nomination of persons in a position to accept the duties of a member of the Court and to submit such nominations to the Secretary-General no later than 31 August 1996.

3. In accordance with Article 7 of the Statute of the Court, the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly and to the Security Council on 6 September 1996 a list in alphabetical order of all the persons thus nominated (A/51/334-S/1996/723, annex).

4. On 26 September 1996 and 22 October 1996, the Secretary-General further submitted to the General Assembly and to the Security Council information on additional nominations made by national groups received by him after the deadline of 31 August 1996 (A/51/417-S/1996/794 and Add.1).

5. The composition of the Court and the voting procedure to be followed in the General Assembly and in the Security Council are set out in a memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/51/333-S/1996/722). The curricula vitae of the candidates appear in documents A/51/335-S/1996/724 and Corr.1.

6. At the 45th plenary meeting of the General Assembly, held on 30 October 1996, the President of the General Assembly drew the attention of the Assembly to the documents relating to the election mentioned above. He announced that additional notifications of nominations from national groups had been received by the Secretary-General. Upon the proposal of the President, the General Assembly decided to request the Secretariat to issue a consolidated and updated list (see annex) of candidates reflecting all the information received since the issuance of the original list, thus facilitating the election for all representatives. The present document has been prepared pursuant to that decision.

ANNEX

List of candidates nominated by national groups

Name and nationality	Nominated by the national group of
Azimov, Murat (Uzbekistan)	Uzbekistan
Bedjaoui, Mohammed (Algeria)	Algeria Argentina Austria Belgium Brazil Bulgaria Cameroon Canada Chile Colombia Denmark Finland France Germany Greece India Ireland Italy Luxembourg Mexico Poland Portugal Romania Slovakia Spain Sweden Syrian Arab Republic United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Uruguay Venezuela
Güney, Mehmet (Turkey)	Bulgaria Sudan Turkey

Kooijmans, Pieter H. (Netherlands)	Argentina Australia Austria Canada Denmark Finland Ireland Mexico Netherlands New Zealand Nigeria Poland Sweden United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Venezuela
Orrego Vicuña, Francisco (Chile)	Belgium Chile Mexico Netherlands Spain Uruguay
Pastor Ridruejo, José Antonio (Spain)	Belgium Bolivia Chile Colombia El Salvador France Germany Greece Guatemala Italy Luxembourg Nicaragua Panama Spain Switzerland Syrian Arab Republic Uruguay Venezuela Zimbabwe
Rezek, José Francisco (Brazil)	Brazil Bulgaria Colombia Germany Paraguay Poland Portugal Syrian Arab Republic Uruguay

Robinson, Patrick (Jamaica)	Colombia Jamaica Saint Lucia
Schwebel, Stephen M. (United States of America)	Australia Austria Brazil Canada Denmark Finland France Germany Ireland Luxembourg Netherlands New Zealand Slovakia Sweden United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America
Shahabuddeen, Mohamed (Guyana)	Guyana Luxembourg New Zealand Nigeria Slovakia Sweden Syrian Arab Republic
Vereshchetin, Vladlen S. (Russian Federation)	Austria Brazil Canada Denmark Finland France Germany Ireland Italy Netherlands Russian Federation Slovakia Spain United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America

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